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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-20 and 31-34, drawn to a transparent lockable assembly or impact-resistant system.

Group II, claim(s) 21-25 and 35-39, drawn to a particular type of blast resistant material.

Group III, claim(s) 26-30 and 40, drawn to an impact resistant system comprised of first and second layers.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: In order to qualify as having a special technical feature, each grouping must contain a technical feature common to each grouping and such feature must patentably distinguish over the art. In this instance, there are no listed common technical features common to all groupings that could qualify as special technical features.

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete **must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.**

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

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4. **If applicant elects the group I invention directed to a transparent lockable assembly or impact-resistant system, the application is further restricted with regard to a plurality of species.** This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

Species A is illustrated in figs. 1 and 2. Species B is illustrated in fig. 3. Species C is illustrated in fig. 4. Species D is illustrated in fig. 7. Species E is illustrated in fig. 9. Species F is illustrated in fig. 10. Species G is illustrated in fig. 11.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877 and whose e-mail address is (Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.

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